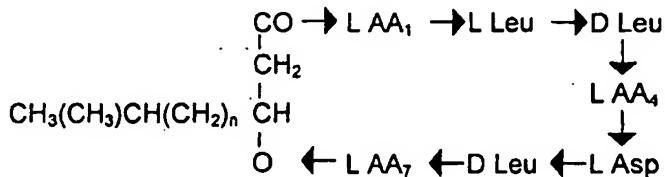


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) Use of A method of using lipopeptide preparations as anti-tilted-peptide agents.
2. (Currently amended) Use The method according to claim 1, wherein the lipopeptide preparations comprise lipopeptides which are selected from the group consisting of cyclic and linear lipopeptides, their homologous and derivatives and mixtures thereof.
3. (Currently amended) Use The method according to claim 2, wherein the cyclic lipopeptides are selected from the group consisting of surfactins, iturins and fengycins.
4. (Currently amended) Use The method according to claim 3, wherein surfactins have formula (I)

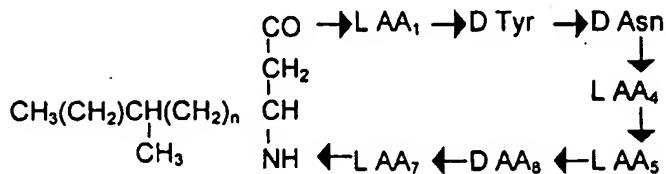


wherein the total number of carbon atoms in the fatty acid chain is comprised between 12 to 17, n being comprised between 6 and 11, AA₁ is Glu or Gln, AA₄ is Val or Ala and AA₇ is Val, Ile or Leu.

5. (Currently amended) Use The method according to ~~any of claims 3 and 4~~ claim 3, wherein the surfactins are selected from the group consisting in a surfactin wherein n is comprised between 7 and 9, AA₁ is Glu, AA₄ is Val and AA₇ is Leu.

6. (Currently amended) Use The method according to claim 5 wherein the surfactins are selected from the group consisting of an iso-branched β -hydroxylated fatty acid chain containing 13 carbon atoms (SC 13), a surfactin with a linear β -hydroxylated fatty acid chain containing 14 carbon atoms (SC14), and a surfactin with an iso-branched β -hydroxylated fatty acid chain containing 15 carbon atoms (SC15).

7. (Currently amended) Use The method according to ~~any of claims 3 to 6~~ claim 3, wherein the iturins have formula (II)



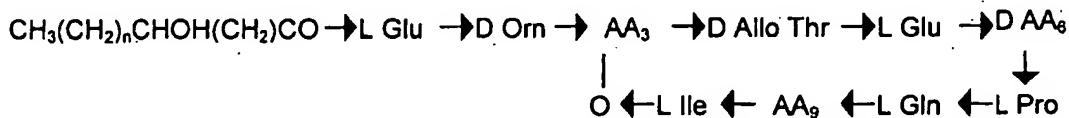
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wherein the total number of carbon atoms in the fatty acid chain is comprised between from 13 to 17, n being comprised between 6 and 10, AA₁ is Asn or Asp, AA₄ is Gln, Pro or Ser, and AA₅ is Pro, Glu, or Gln, AA₆ is Asn or Ser, and AA₇ is Ser, Asn or Thr.

8. (Currently amended) Use The method according to any of claims 3 and 7 claim 3, wherein the iturins are selected from the group consisting in an iturin wherein n is comprised between 7 and 10, AA₁ is Asn, AA₄ is Gln, AA₅ is Pro, AA₆ is Asn and AA₇ is Ser.

9. (Currently amended) Use The method according to claim 8 wherein the iturins are selected from the group consisting of a linear β-amino fatty acid chain containing 14 carbon atoms (IC14), an iturin with an iso-branched β-amino fatty acid chain containing 15 carbon atoms (IC15), an iturin with an iso-branched or linear β-amino fatty acid chain containing 16 carbon atoms (IC16), an iturin with an anteiso-branched β-amino fatty acid chain containing 17 carbon atoms (IC17).

10. (Currently amended) Use The method according to any of claims 3 to 9 claim 3, wherein fengycins have formula (III)



wherein the total number of carbon atoms in the fatty acid chain is comprised between from 12 to 18, n being comprised between 8 and 14, AA₃ is D Tyr or L Tyr, AA₆ is Val or Ala, and AA₉ is L Tyr or D Tyr.

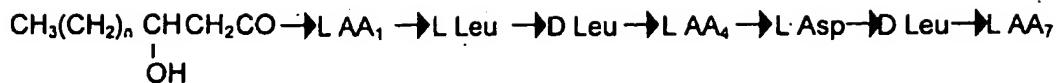
11. (Currently amended) Use The method according to claim 10, wherein fengycin is fengycin A with a β-hydroxylated fatty acid chain containing 16 carbon atoms (FAC16), wherein AA₃ is D Tyr, AA₆ is Ala and AA₉ is L Tyr.

12. (Currently amended) Use The method according to claim 2, wherein the linear lipopeptides are selected from the group consisting of surfactins, iturins and fengycins.

13. (Currently amended) Use The method according to claim 12, wherein each of the linear lipopeptides is obtainable by chemical modification of the corresponding cyclic lipopeptide.

14. (Currently amended) Use The method according to claim 13, wherein the linear lipopeptides (LSC12 to LSC17 have formula (IV)

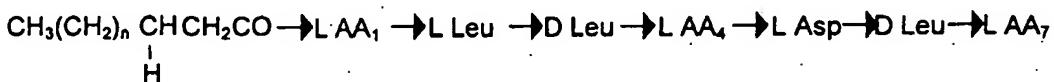
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wherein the total number of carbon atoms in the fatty acid chain is comprised between 12 and 17, n being comprised between 8 and 13.

15. (Currently amended) Use The method according to claim 12, wherein each of the linear lipopeptides is obtainable by chemical synthesis.

16. (Currently amended) Use The method according to claim 15, wherein each of the linear lipopeptides (LSSC4 to LSSC24) has the formula (V)



wherein the total number of carbon atoms in the fatty acid chain is 4 to 24; n being comprised between 0 and 20.

17. (Currently amended) Use The method according to ~~any of claims 14 and 16~~ claim 14, wherein AA₁ is Glu or Gln, AA₄ is Val or Ala and AA₇ is Val, Ile or Leu.

18. (Currently amended) Use The method according to claim 17, wherein AA₁ is Glu, AA₄ is Val and AA₇ is Leu.

19. (Currently amended) Use The method according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the lipopeptide preparations comprise at least two lipopeptides.

20. (Currently amended) Use The method according to claim 19, wherein the lipopeptides belong to different lipopeptide families.

21. (Currently amended) Use The method according to claim 20, wherein one of the lipopeptides is selected from the group consisting of SC13 and SC15 and the other lipopeptide is FAC16.

22. (Currently amended) Use The method according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the lipopeptides have been obtained by a method chosen from biosynthesis by a micro-organism, chemical synthesis and chemical modifications of biosynthetised biosynthesized lipopeptides.

23. (Currently amended) Use The method according to claim 22, wherein the micro-organism is chosen selected from the group consisting in of *Pseudomonas spp.*, *Bacillus spp.*, *Arthrobacter spp.*, *Streptomyces spp.*, *Serratia sp.*, *Gluconbacter spp.*, and *Agrobacterium spp.*

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24. (Currently amended) Use The method according to claim 23, wherein the species are chosen-selected from the group consisting of *Bacillus subtilis*, *Bacillus licheniformis*, and *Bacillus globigii*, *Streptomyces aurantiacus*, *Arthrobacter MIS 38*, *Serratia marcescens*, *Gluconobacter cerinus*, and *Agrobacterium tumefaciens*.

25. (Currently amended) Use The method according to claim 24, wherein the *Bacillus subtilis* is a strain chosen-selected from the group consisting of ATCC 7067 and S499.

26. (Currently amended) Process for the production ofA method of producing a lipopeptide preparation according to any of claims 22 to 25claim 22, which comprises an aerobic step followed by a microaerobic step.

27. (Currently amended) Process according toThe method of claim 26, which produces a foam containing a concentrated mixture of different lipopeptide families.